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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD; DEPT ALSO FOR T/IEP

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SUBJ: KUWAIT OIL STATISTICS

1. WE MAY HAVE MADE BREAKTHROUGH IN OBTAINING KUWAIT OIL COMPANY (KOC) STATISTICS. ADDRESSEES MAY RECALL EARLIER CABLES WHERE WE REPORTED THAT KOC WAS RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE EMBASSY STATISTICS BECAUSE OF CONCERN OVER REACTION OF GOK. FOLLOWING SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS BY EMBOFF WITH KOC MANAGER STRAND, AND OTHERS IN COMPANY, WE HAVE RECEIVED RELATIVELY DETAILED STATISTICS REGARDING PRODUCTION EXPORTS AND SHIPMENTS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KOC WILL MAKE REPORT AVAILABLE ON MONTHLY BASIS.

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2. HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER REPORT ARE THAT TOTAL PRODUCTION WAS 72,426,511 BARRELS OF WHICH 62.4 MILLION BARRELS WAS CRUDE. OF THIS 9.3 MILLION BARRELS WENT TO FRANCE; 11.3 MILLION BARRELS TO UK; 1.6 MILLION BARRELS TO CANADA; 11.9 MILLION BARRELS TO JAPAN; 5.1 MILLION BARRELS TO SINGAPORE; 4.7 MILLION TO SOUTH KOREA AND 5.9 MILLION BARRELS TO IRELAND. NONE, RPT NONE, IS KNOWN TO HAVE GONE TO THE US OR HOLLAND.

3. COMMENT: WE HOPE KOC WILL CONTINUE DISCREETLY PROVIDE US WITH MONTHLY STATISTICS. ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT RPT NOT REVEAL SOURCE OF STATISTICS. UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCEA WE ARE SOMEWHAT PESSIMISTIC THAT KOC WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STATISTICS ALTHOUGH AT PRESLNT THEY HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT. POST WILL POUCH FULL STATISTICS AS WELL AS LATEST AMINOIL STATISTICS TO DEPARTMENT UNDER COVER OF AIRGRAM.
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